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MOSQUITO EXTERMINATION.**The Plan Adopted by the Residents of Long Island.**

The efforts of the North Shore Improvement Association to abate the mosquito nuisance along the North Shore of Long Island have met with considerable success, as indicated by reports of their operations last summer. The purpose of the society was to study the problem so that it could point out to residents and land owners the most effective plan for the destruction of the insect.

It is affirmed that "a single rain barrel will breed a larger number of mosquitoes than a large pond. A soggy pasture is on an average equal to about one and one-half or two barrels, and even the salt meadows," as they exist on the North Shore of Long Island, "scarcely come up to four or five good barrels apiece." The reasons for this are that the larger ponds contain fish which prey upon the larvae. It has also been found that many of the smaller ponds do not breed, which is due probably to the presence of hydrogen sulphide gas. As for the meadows, they are cleansed on an average of once a month, by a high tide. The best treatment for salt meadows is, then, to dig parallel ditches about 25 feet apart, into which the surface water can drain. No mosquitoes could breed in these ditches, if they were of sufficient depth to be flushed at high tide. This plan was followed by people of Lawrence, with complete success. In large ponds, mosquitoes breed around the shallow edges where they are out of reach of fish. The best method of treating such ponds is to deepen the shore, so as to give free access to the fishes. In one instance, mentioned by Mr. Lutz, a pond well stocked with fish was found to breed mosquitoes; the larvae were discovered in the thin film of water contained on leaves floating about on the surface of the pond. Great care must be taken, therefore, to keep the surface of every pond free from leaves or any other floating mass which would harbor the mosquito larvae.

The use of oil is recommended only in such cases as cannot be successfully treated otherwise. Ordinary fuel oil is the best, because it is the cheapest. Experiments with Phinotas prove it to be an exceedingly effective oil; five gallons were put around the edges of a pond about 50 feet square, and it at once cleared the waters of all life.

The following suggestions, which were distributed among the residents of the North Shore, it would be well for every one bothered with mosquitoes to observe:

"By far the best method is to do away entirely with all standing water. Rain barrels are often more of a habit than a necessity; and through oversight tubs, buckets, tin cans and a large variety of other things are often left to hold water for days at a time, and so to breed mosquitoes. Turning these bottom up or obliterating them altogether strikes at the root of the matter.

"One or two fish put in a rain barrel will live very nicely and will keep it quite free from larvae. Gold fish and silver fish are best for this purpose, but ordinary minnows are very good.

"Another scheme is to make a covering for the barrel, so that the female mosquito cannot get in to lay her eggs. The objection to this is often that the cover is not tight enough to be effective.

"Ordinarily, rain-water is used for laundry purposes, and in this case enough common kerosene to make a good film on the surface will be effective if renewed every week. This is easily done, but is apt to be forgotten unless some definite time is taken, as, for example, every wash day.

"Tubs for dogs, cattle, etc., may be rendered safe by thoroughly sun-drying them once a week.

"Utmost care should be observed in the matter of disposing of tin cans, etc. Pools in barnyards or other places should be filled up or drained. Roof spouting, where

apt to be filled with leaves, needs careful attention, as do all sorts of drains. Fountains may either be well stocked with fish or the water drawn off once a week and the basins dried. Greenhouse tanks are always troublesome when present, unless they are attended to by oiling or fish. Saucers of profusely watered flower-pots and dishes or tubs of water plants form still other breeding places."

MAY NOT HANG.**Damon's Slayer May Get Off With Life Sentence.**

It is being contended by some according to the Bulletin, that the prosecution will be unable to prove the deliberate premeditation on the part of Miranda, charged with the murder of S. E. Damon. The defense, Geo. W. Davis and F. E. Thompson, appointed by the Court, will doubtless claim their client struck Damon down in anger. Should these be right Miranda will cheat the gallows, however much public sentiment may regret it.

Others, and among these High Sheriff Brown, hold that the premeditation can be clearly proven. They hold the facts to be as follows: The night before the night of the murder Miranda had burglarized the room of a Porto Rican woman on Vineyard street near Liliha.

The matter was reported to the police. Miranda was suspected of the crime. Detective McDuffie visited his house and Miranda got wind of the fact that the police were after him and fled. He armed himself with the knife with which the murder was committed. His intention was quite evidently to oppose anyone who should attempt to stop his progress or arrest him, by all means. That he had made up his mind not to stop at murder is clearly shown by the fact that he killed Mr. Damon, who he thought was interfering with his liberty. That Miranda had no premeditated malice against Mr. Damon personally is of no moment. He had deliberately premeditated murder on whatever person should attempt to stop him and as it happened Mr. Damon was unfortunately his victim.

The supporters of both theories are very strong in their opinions and much discussion is going on the subject. There will be no doubt but that this question will be one of the most important and vital ones in the trial.

GETS TWENTY YEARS.**Jap Murderer Escapes Death Penalty.**

Honolulu, Oct. 3.—Judge Gear this morning sentenced Hayashida, the Japanese who clubbed one Saito, a fellow countryman, to death with a kiawe stick at Waialua last May, to serve twenty years' imprisonment in Oahu penitentiary at hard labor, twenty years being the limit for manslaughter. In passing sentence, the court said:

"The jury in your case has seen fit to return a verdict of manslaughter.

"The Court considers that you are guilty of a most cruel, brutal and cowardly crime. After you had beaten a man with a stick until he lay senseless on the ground you deliberately hunted for another stick, having broken the first on your victim's head, and went back to where he lay prostrate and beat him to death.

"In the opinion of this Court a verdict of murder in the first degree would have been fairly returned.

"The Court believes that you have to thank your counsel (Attorney J. W. Cathcart) for an escape from a verdict of murder in the first degree.

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